



**TELEPHONE OF 1876**—The above early telephone is a copy of the one shown in the Philadelphia Centennial Exposition in 1876. Utah had the first telephone in 1879, when A. M. Musser introduced what was likely a wall phone to Salt Lake City.

al adornment. Many times the Telephone Company was organized in April of 1881. J. J. Dick- company's workers had to re- place hundreds of feet of the wire. Lake exchange and there were less than 100 subscribers. About 33 years after inven- tion, and 11 years after the com- ing of the railroad, the Utah Bell Telephone Company pur- chased the Utah Telephone Company. In 1911 the Rocky Mountain, Colorado and the Tri- State Telephone Companies joined to form the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company.